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Homoeopathic Dispensaries

3385. SHRI NAVAL KISHORE RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies of Homoeopathic doctors in Homoeopathic dispensaries run by the Central Government Health Scheme; and

(b) the measures taken by the Government to fill these vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) There are six vacancies of Homoeopathic doctors in C.G.H.S. Delhi and outside Delhi.

(b) Action has been initiated to fill up these vacancies.

[*English*]

Excavation of Sand

3386. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether sand is not allowed to be utilized or excavated along the seashore for construction purposes;

(b) if so, the details of the rules in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). Yes Sir; mining of sand, dressing or altering of sand dunes etc., in the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) are prohibited activities under the notification issued by the Ministry in February, 1991.

(c) Reported violations, it any, would be deal under the provision of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

Land Leased out on Western Railway

3387. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of railway land on Western Railway leased out to various parties;

(b) the number of parties concerned, the purpose for which railway land has been leased out and the terms and conditions of the said lease; and

(c) the amount earned by the Western Railway through leasing out of railway land to private parties during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). No leasing of railway land to private parties has been done on Western Railway. However, land has been leased to Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan at two places and to the Western Railway Employees' Union at one place for 99 years.

Introduction of Population Clocks

3388. SHRI SANT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have planned a new strategy to check the population growth by introduction of rectangular population clocks to be placed at some strategic points;

(b) if so, the broad features of the scheme

and positive reaction to be generated by it;

(c) the mode for selection of sites maximum impact in cities and towns particularly in the rural areas and the cost of one clock and the anticipated capital outlay involved; and

(d) the other measures like media blitz, particularly on Doordarshan and making of films focussing family welfare issues are proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). The Government is planning to install a few population clock at some strategic location in cities and towns in India. These clocks, presently under fabrication by HMT, besides showing time will show the total population at each point of time, as well as increase in population every minute and fraction thereof. These clocks will also depict messages on the Family Welfare Programme. The whole system will be illuminated. It is hoped that installation of these clocks will bring about the awareness about the rapid increase in population.

(c) The coast of one 23' x 11' sized clock with moving messages on issues of family welfare, is about Rs. 14.00 lakhs and that with static messages of size 20' x 8 ' is Rs. 6.30 lakhs. The total capital outlay involved in the procurement of 3 large and 30 small population Clocksestimated at Rs. 231 lakhs which is being met by a UN agency. The criteria for the selection of sites for installation of the clocks is the following:

1. Possibility of maintenance by HMT (which is restricted to larger cities at present).

2. Maximum visibility to the greater number of people.

3. On lookers should belong to cross sections of Indian Society.

4. The site should be suitable for installation.

5. There should be uninterrupted electric supply.

6. Adequate security is ensured.

(d) Media efforts are being intensified by promoting production of imaginative and entertraitaning films and video programmes, higflighling the messages of Family Welfare to target sudiences for telecast. These efforts are being supplemented by inter-personal communication at the grass-root level through voluntary women group called Mahila Swasthya Sanghs, Link Workers/women, besides the extension machinery at the Block level, Block Extension Educators and Auxillary nurse midwives.

[*Translation*]

Upgradation of Medical Colleges

3389. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has appointed any Committee for the upgradation of Medical Colleges; and

(b) if so, the recommendations of the Committee and the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). The Government appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. P. N. Tadon, Retd. Professor of Neuro-Surgery, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, to Consider and